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A 37th Helicopter Squadron ground operator waits for a helicopter to land Tuesday while assisting in post flight operations of another helicopter. Due to the massive snowstorm, which shut down parts of Interstate 80, crews were choppered to and from the missile field.

Photo by Capt. Nicole Walters

Commentary

NSI is our time to shine

Col. Michael Carey
90th Space Wing Commander

It seems we are always preparing for an inspection or evaluation of some sort. It is stressful and it is consuming – but it is important. Let's keep these events and their ramp-up in perspective: we serve at F.E. Warren to provide a credible deterrent to enemies that would attack our homeland and hold at risk our way of life. In order to ensure we are ready, we conduct tests of our systems and we exercise and evaluate our people. It is through these painful yet critical events that the President gains confidence in our missile capability...it is where he derives the strength of deterrence.

This is an important time for the wing. The Nuclear Surety Inspection team is on base to grade our ability to do the mission the President entrusts us to carry out. The NSI is our report card. It tells senior military leaders that we are ready and capable.

It will be a very tough two weeks for everyone here. The inspectors will look at every aspect of our readiness, wartime skills and support functions. Everyone from security forces and maintainers to missile combat crews and PRP monitors will be graded. The inspectors will ask us to give everything we have, and then give some more. But at the end of the inspection, we will be able to say we answered the call. And I already know I'll be proud of your efforts.

I don't look at this inspection as a hardship. It would be a hardship if we had to do something we weren't capable of doing. We can do this, and we can excel. I'm excited to demonstrate our capability.

We truly do have some of America's best and brightest here, and I'm confident in our collective ability to accomplish what will be expected of us.

I'm not asking you to do anything different. This inspection will show everyone how good we are 365 days a year, not just during inspection season. So do what you do every day. Be alert. Look sharp. Follow the checklists, tech data and directives. Respond quickly and decisively.

During the inspection, I ask you to keep in mind you're being watched. Impressions are everything. Give the extra effort and keep your area clean, look extra sharp, and speak confidently when you're asked a question. This is the time to show your excitement and to demonstrate your attention to detail. Take the time to make sure you're doing it right, then go ahead, be loud and be proud!

Press on.

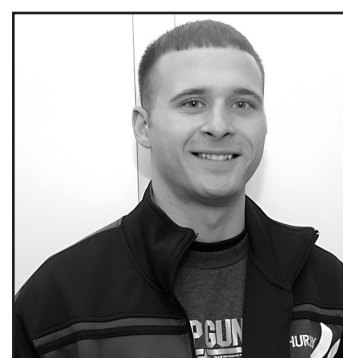
Street Talk

The Warren Sentinel asked Warren members, "What is your best Nuclear Surety Inspection tip?"



"I'd say attention to detail. We get the big stuff, but it's the small stuff we forget to do. Small things turn into big things."

- **Lt. Col. Andre Shipp, 90th Security Forces Group**



"Follow directions."

- **Airman Jared White, 90th Maintenance Operations Squadron**



"Study—know your stuff. If you know your stuff, you have nothing to worry about."

- **Airman 1st Class Andre Hernandez, 90th Security Forces Squadron**



"Stay professional."

- **Airman 1st Class Leonard Norris, 320th Missile Squadron**

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To the Airmen of the United States Air Force

A letter from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley

Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Air Force Chief of Staff

March 19 marked the 3rd anniversary of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the removal of an oppressive, dangerous regime. This was the culmination of a joint and coalition intense effort on land, sea and air. I want to take this moment to say thanks for all your sacrifices ... and to let you know that you are doing awesome work. In OIF, within the Joint Force, our total force – active, guard, and reserve Airmen – grounded the Iraq Air Force, destroyed the combat effectiveness of the Iraqi ground forces, blinded the Hussein leadership and paved the way for a series of ground battles that saw Baghdad fall in 22 days. Your innovation and flexibility made the difference, whether it was Airmen decisively striking Republican Guard formations; in orbits over every Iraqi airfield; embedded with ground forces; launching and orbiting satellites high overhead; controlling armed UAVs; or airlifting critical supplies and troops. And today, you continue to provide air support to the Combatant Com-

"YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPREAD OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY DID NOT BEGIN THREE YEARS AGO; THE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN AT WAR CONTINUOUSLY FOR OVER FIFTEEN YEARS."

- Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Air Force Chief of Staff

manders around the world, while also flawlessly performing non-traditional missions like base defense and convoy operations.

Your contributions to the spread of freedom and democracy did not begin three years ago; the Air Force has been at war continuously for over fifteen years – since the opening rounds of Operation Desert Storm and through twelve years of no-fly zone operations. Although Iraq is receiving the majority of attention, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE remain critical to winning this long

war. The Global War on Terror has now lasted 10 months longer than our nation fought in World War II. This is a joint fight, across the world- where we have a vital role. Meanwhile, things have been fairly quiet on the home front. And that's good. That means we are doing our job well. You are protecting America by monitoring intelligence, sitting alert, and flying patrols over our cities. By protecting our homeland and fighting the enemy on their turf, you are keeping your family, friends, and the American public safe. Our mission is to fly and fight and win

our nations' wars – and you're doing just that.

You are making a difference. I am proud of you. America is proud of you. You are helping to rebuild countries and protect fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, while keeping America out of harm's way. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Pakistani earthquake, Philippine landslides and, most recently, floods in Hawaii, brought out your best as well, as you pitched in side by side with allies and joint partners providing humanitarian relief across the globe and in our own backyard. You are combat experienced, battle-hardened Airmen. You are successfully doing whatever is asked of you across the domains of air, space, and cyberspace – you are always there.

Thanks for all that you're doing – it matters. Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere, anytime. You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our nation needs us. Keep it up and keep 'em flying!

Spotlight on justice Jan to Feb

Seventeen Article 15 actions processed, four alcohol related

90th Space Wing Legal

Seventeen Article 15 actions were processed here during Jan. 1 to Feb. 28. Among them, four were alcohol related. The following is a breakdown of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice articles violated and the punishments received:

Alcohol related incidents:

An airman first class violated Articles 92, 111 and 134 of the UCMJ by drinking alcohol while under 21, operating a motor vehicle while drunk and having an open container in the vehicle. She received a reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and restriction to base for 45 days.

An airman first class violated Article 111 of the UCMJ by operating a vehicle while drunk. She received a reduction to airman, suspended forfeitures of \$300 pay per month for two months and 15 days extra duty.

An airman violated Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ by

failing to go to his appointed place of duty and consuming alcoholic beverages eight hours prior to duty. He received a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 15 days and 15 days extra duty.

An airman first class violated Article 111 of the UCMJ by operating a vehicle while drunk. He received a reduction to airman, suspended forfeitures of \$250 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 20 days and 10 days extra duty.

All others:

A master sergeant violated Article 92 of the UCMJ by engaging in an unprofessional relationship with a junior member and misusing a government computer. He received forfeitures of \$1,758 pay for two months with one month forfeitures suspended.

A staff sergeant violated Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ by failing to go to her appointed place of duty, engaging in

an unprofessional relationship, using her government computer to distribute and store inappropriate material, and using her government computer for financial gain. She received a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

An airman first class violated Articles 86 and 134 of the UCMJ by failing to go to her appointed place of duty and failing to maintain sufficient funds in her bank account. She received a suspended reduction to airman, suspended restriction to base for 30 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman violated Articles 86 and 107 of the UCMJ by failing to go to his appointed place of duty on three occasions and making two false official statements. He received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeitures of \$150 pay per month for two months and 20 days extra duty.

A senior airman violated Articles 89 and 128 of the UCMJ by physically assaulting two women and disrespecting an officer. He received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman basic violated Article 112a of the UCMJ by using marijuana. He received forfeitures of \$617 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 15 days, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman violated Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ by failing to go to his appointed place of duty and watching TV in a dorm room while on duty. He received a reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeitures of \$100 for two months and restriction to base for 15 days.

An airman first class violated Article 121 of the UCMJ by stealing CDs from the base exchange. He received a reduction to airman, suspended forfeitures of \$500 for two months, restriction to base for 15 days and 20 days extra duty.

A senior airman violated

Article 134 of the UCMJ by altering his military identification card. He received a reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeitures of \$797 pay and 30 days extra duty.

An airman violated Article 92 of the UCMJ by making offensive sexual comments to another airman. He received a suspended reduction to airman basic, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class violated Articles 90 and 134 of the UCMJ by violating a no contact order and having an adulterous affair. She received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

A senior airman violated Article 92 of the UCMJ by having a camera cell phone at a missile alert facility. He received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeitures of \$350 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and 15 days extra duty.

An airman first class violated Articles 90 and 134 of the UCMJ by violating a no contact order and having an adulterous affair. He received a reduction to airman and a suspended reduction to airman basic.

SAPR: To prevent assaults, give care to victims

Article courtesy of the 90th Space Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office

Sexual assaults are a challenge to our nation, and the military is not immune to this challenge.

In 2004, there were 1,700 reported sexual assaults within the military. Sexual assaults are detrimental to mission readiness and conflict with the core values of each military service. Sexual assault will not be tolerated in the DoD.

The DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program incorporates new policy that represents fundamental change for the military. Confidentiality and restricted reporting are examples of the strong steps forward that have been taken to address sexual assault. The goals of the SAPR program are threefold:

1. To prevent sexual assaults through education and training
2. To ensure that active-duty servicemembers who are sexually assaulted are protected, treated with dignity and respect and receive appropriate and responsive care
3. To hold perpetrators of such assaults accountable

The intent of the DoD's SAPR program, beyond preventing sexual assaults, is to ensure that regardless of where a victim is assigned, there will be local resources to give that victim the best care. To provide a consistent level of care and treatment for victims, mandatory, essential training tasks have been established for those personnel who respond to sexual assaults. These personnel are part of larger disciplines that are commonly referred to as response groups in the SAPR program. Response groups include:

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators and Victim Advocates; Healthcare Providers; Law Enforcement and Criminal Investigators; Judge Advocates and Chaplains.

SARCs serve as the center of gravity for each installation's sexual assault prevention and response program. They serve as the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care and to track the services provided to the victim from initial report of a sexual assault through disposition and resolution of the victim's health and well-being.

While the SARC primarily provides system advocacy, the VA provides 24/7 direct response to victims. VAs assist victims in navigating the military's response network. They are not counselors, therapists or investigators. VAs furnish accurate and comprehensive information on

available options and resources so the victim can make informed decisions when managing their personal information.

Warren's SARC office is located in Building 1200, Room 116. The 24-hour Sexual Assault Reporting Hotline is 773-6444.

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Briefs

Cell phone driving ban

Cell phone use while driving on base is now prohibited for military members and civilians (excluding bargaining unit civilian employees). The exceptions to this rule are if the vehicle is safely parked or the driver is using a hands-free phone. This offense may affect base driving privileges for both military and civilians, as each violation will result in the loss of three points. An individual who loses 12 points will have their driving privileges suspended for a minimum of six months. Civilians will be fined \$50 plus a \$25 processing fee.

Arrive Alive

The 90th Space Wing's anonymous Arrive Alive program allows members who are under the influence of alcohol a free cab ride in the event they do not have a safe ride home. This program is available 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week. Multiple riders may use one card, however all riders must have identification, though the program is anonymous. Arrive Alive cards may be picked up from first sergeants.

Reserve opportunities

The Air Force Reserve has opportunities for enlisted members and officers separating from active duty. Reservists may be placed anywhere in the country and various locations overseas. Cross training and bonuses are available.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Bill Fountas at 773-1983.

Palace Chase briefings

Briefings for Palace Chase, the program that allows active duty enlisted members and officers to transfer from active service to the Air Force Reserves or the Air National Guard, are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Building 1284.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Bill Fountas at 773-1983.

Facility Managers needed

The 90th Operations Group is seeking mission-focused personnel with drive and self-initiative in the grades of staff to technical sergeant to serve as Missile Facility Managers, AFSC 8S000. Facility Managers are responsible for multimillion-dollar facility maintenance as well as the conduct of at least seven personnel on a daily basis.

To find out more about this special-duty, controlled tour assignment, contact Master Sgt. Michael Whittaker at 773-4210.



Photo by Lorri Welsh

WHO'S THERE?

Brian Blankenship, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, role plays a customer service scenario during one of the five training sessions attended by 220 wing members last week at the Trail's End Club. Mr. Blankenship likened treating the customer as you would a guest in your home; welcome them, use their name, take care of their needs, thank them and invite them back. He came to teach the sessions at Warren after receiving an invitation from Stan Gebicki, 90th Services Squadron Training Manager.

Pharmacy, clinic renovations begin

Changes include relocating waiting area, adding four service windows

Frank Neumann
90th Medical Group

The 90th Medical Group began its work on the pharmacy and entryway renovations in an effort to improve service.

The renovation includes relocating the existing waiting area from the main entryway and adding four new service windows. The entryway renovation will include removing the aging red ceramic tiles and replacing them with new, slip-resistant ones.

During the renovation safety is of the utmost importance to the clinic staff. The contractor will be using the main entrance to remove debris from the construction area. For pa-

tient protection, the main entrance to the clinic will be closed during this phase of the renovation. Follow the directions that will be posted inside and outside of the clinic.

When approaching the clinic, there will be temporary changes to the designated parking areas. To assist in accessing the clinic, the east parking lot will be used as the primary patient parking lot. Visitors and patients are asked to use the east (dental) entryway. Overflow parking will still be available in the main parking lot on the south side of the facility. West entry doors will be open for patients visiting the personnel reliability program clinic, flight medicine, immuniza-

tion or public health. The west side of the main parking lot is available for those needing to enter through the west doors.

Access to the pharmacy drop off windows, although restricted, will remain available. Every effort will be made to minimize congestion at the service window. Disruption and rerouting within the clinic may impact prescription filling times. Call the pharmacy refill line, at 773-2330, in advance for all refills to minimize potential waiting time and to avoid running out of medications.

Plan extra time to get to appointments, follow the signs, and remember the renovation is to benefit customers.

For questions regarding the renovation, or for more information, call the clinic facility management office at 773-2466.

PRP NSI TIP: WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN ALCOHOL RELATED INCIDENT?

An ARI is considered to be any substandard behavior or performance in which the consumption of alcohol by the individual is a contributing factor as determined by the certifying official with consultation from the competent medical authority. Individuals involved in an ARI shall be, at a minimum, suspended from Personnel Reliability Program duties and are required to have a consultation with the competent medical authority. The certifying official must consult with the CMA to determine reliability.

For more information, contact the base PRP office at 773-3490.

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Photo by Senior Airman Lauren Hasinger

LIVE AT THE TRAIL'S END ...

Airman 1st Class Jay Beckerich performs with other members of his band, Wasted Innocence, Saturday at the Trail's End Club during a Mad Crew-sponsored event. The Faculty, a group also made up of Warren members, performed as well. Airman Beckerich is a member of the 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron.

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AFSPC CV provides space posture to HASC

Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz
AFSPC Vice Commander

Editor's note: Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz, Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command, provided testimony March 16 to the House Armed Services Committee Strategic Forces Subcommittee on Space Posture. The following is his oral statement to the subcommittee.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
— I'm proud to represent the nearly 40,000 men and women of Air Force Space Command, stationed around the world, standing watch 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

At this moment, this fully-integrated team of Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, government civilians and contractors are delivering space effects to joint warfighters, as well as civil and commercial customers.

Our space professionals accomplish this by planning, operating, maintaining, securing and supporting our Nation's Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) force; flying our communications, early warning, weather, and precision, navigation and timing satellites; monitoring the ground-based radars and other sensors that provide early warning, and locate and track thousands of objects in space; assembling and launching boosters and maintaining the ranges for the launch of satellites; and, developing and acquiring the next generation of space and missile systems to help ensure America's strategic, commercial, and scientific advantages in space well into the future.

Along with our colleagues in the National Reconnaissance Office and across the entire National Security Space enterprise, the men and women of Air Force Space Command represent the best and brightest of our Nation's sons and daughters, and we have every reason to be proud of them and of their service to our country.

mand has witnessed several key milestones and made significant progress since this subcommittee last met to discuss our Nation's space posture.

Over the course of the past year, we deactivated the Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile while maintaining a safe and secure strategic deterrent; conducted our 44th consecutive successful launch (which broke the previous launch record set in 1971); launched the first GPS IIR-M satellite providing additional civil and military signals and increased power; and, provided critical space capabilities to relief operations following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

While we have made good progress, there is much left to accomplish.

Towards this end, we are focused on four strategic priorities: Securing the Space Domain and Providing Space Combat Effects to Joint Warfighters; Maintaining a Safe and Secure Strategic Deterrent and Pursuing a New Triad Capability for the U.S. and its Allies; Making Space Acquisition the DoD Model for Acquisition Excellence; and Providing World-Class Professional Development and Quality of Life Opportunities for our People.

These priorities not only are the right direction for Air Force Space Command, but they are also in line with the priorities of Gen. James E. Cartwright, the commander of United States Strategic Command.

In fact, supporting the joint warfighter is at the heart of everything we do in Air Force Space Command.

The asymmetric advantage space provides is a critical lifeline to those who are in harm's way each and every day. For that reason, it is more important than ever to maintain our technological advantage.

Today, we operate the most capable Global Positioning System (GPS) constellation in history. Additionally, our meteorological,



space warning, and military satellite communications satellites are surpassing expectations—both in terms of capabilities and service life.

They will not, however, last forever.

In a sense, we are approaching a crossroads in providing space combat effects to the joint warfighter.

As the average age of our constellations reaches and exceeds their design life we must maintain our commitment to next generation systems in communications; precision, navigation, and timing; missile warning and related capabilities; weather; and, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. These are all essential to meeting the demands that will be placed on warfighters in the future.

Let me shift gears for a moment to discuss another important responsibility of Air Force Space Command... the operation of our Nation's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile force.

The size and composition of our ICBM force continues to evolve in response to the changing strategic environment.

Following the signing and ratification of the Moscow

Treaty, Air Force Space Command began the process of deactivating the Nation's 50 Peacekeeper missiles in October 2002.

In September of last year, we removed the last Peacekeeper missile from its launch facility, ending a proud chapter in the history of our ICBM fleet.

Even though we've deactivated the Peacekeeper missile, the ICBM continues to be an integral part of our Nation's strategic deterrent. In the words of the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, our ICBMs are the "backstop" for all our military forces.

For this reason, Air Force Space Command is committed to ensuring the Minuteman III ICBM remains an effective and viable weapon system through the year 2020.

Thanks to the strong support of this subcommittee and Congress, we have continued to make steady progress on the Propulsion Replacement Program, the Guidance Replacement Program, and the Propulsion System Rocket Engine Service Life Extension Program (SLEP).

We also conducted three

successful test launches of the Safety Enhanced Re-entry Vehicle (SERV), which will allow us to deploy the warhead used on the deactivated Peacekeeper ICBM on a portion of the Minuteman III fleet.

While our space and missile systems continue to provide some of the most cutting-edge capabilities, they would be useless without trained, equipped and motivated space professionals.

Over the past 12 months we have also undertaken several initiatives to enhance the career development of space professionals in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, as well as the NRO.

The National Security Space Institute located in Colorado Springs now has a two-star chancellor, a Reserve Associate Unit to augment the staff, and multi-service faculty with representatives from NASA, the Defense Acquisition University, and the NRO either on board, or soon to be. The school will offer courses to more than 2000 students this fiscal year, with Space 200 and 300 as its foundation programs.

At the same time, the Space Education Consortium, led by the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and comprised of ten participating universities and institutes both in the United States and overseas, will serve as our primary source for civilian space-related education programs.

Finally, in November, we pinned on the first new space badges, which are a powerful symbol of how we are forging the Air Force Space Command of the future.

With your continued strong support in these and other endeavors, I know we can meet the challenges currently confronting the space enterprise, and continue to delivering the space combat effects that are vital to the joint warfighter and to the Nation.

Missile Operators plan to put on a show

Crew hopes to do their part to bring home the Blanchard

Capt. Frank McDermott
90th Operations Group

After a one year hiatus from competition, Guardian Challenge is returning to Air Force Space Command and Warren.

The 90th Space Wing is sending eight teams, with 25 members, to compete. One of those teams is missile operations.

The missile operations team members are Capt. Frank McDermott and 1st Lt. Clint Law (crew S243), and Capt. Eric Ward and 1st Lt. Brian Brink (crew S244). First Lts. Gerald Eastman and James Mijatovich are crew S245, which is the alternate and trainer crew.

Before being named to the team, each member began the selection process in October with a 60-question, short answer test covering such things as execution procedures, launch reporting, fire isolation actions and security procedures. Second round selections took place in November in the missile procedures trainer. Each of the 16 hopeful competitors who moved on from the first round

performed in a solo environment. There, they had to contend with scenarios more difficult than any normally administered training to a crew of two. The final round paired a commander and deputy in four crews for the worst the trainers could think of. In an eight by 20 room, both crew members ran back and forth processing events until "terminate" was called.

All four of the competitor crew members would have participated in last year's Guardian Challenge had it occurred. As it stands, Captain McDermott is the only returning team member from Guardian Challenge 2004, when he was the training deputy for the only operations competitors still at Warren, Capt. Justin Littig, 90 OG, and Capt. Stephen Meister, 90th Operations Support Squadron.

After two months of non-stop training, crews S243 and S244 will have a simulator ride at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., that will last up to two hours. Twentieth Air Force evaluators write the script to the an incredibly



Photo by Capt. Eric Chin

The Guardian Challenge Missile Operations Team members are (from left) 1st Lts. Gerald Eastman, James Mijatovich, Clint Law, Capt. Frank McDermott, 1st Lt. Brian Brink, and Capt. Eric Ward. They will compete May 8 to 12 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., for the Blanchard trophy, given to the best intercontinental ballistic missile wing team.

difficult level. The most difficult level imaginable. It will by no means be a routine exercise in following checklists. In years past, 20 AF found a central theme that dominates the ride and threw multiple distracting events at the crew. But at the highlight of the ride, the initially small problem must be reconciled with all of the nuances of status to present a nearly impossibly difficult problem.

Conquering this problem will be the key to the operators' success. The operators are responsible for 2,000 of the approximate 5,000 points available to the wing's team. Attention to detail, intense training sessions and creativity will determine the team's success. As far as the operators are concerned, they hold a huge responsibility to the rest of the Guardian Challenge team and Warren to perform. They

will do their part to bring home the Blanchard Trophy, given to the best intercontinental ballistic missile wing team, in 2006.

Guardian Challenge began in 1967 and is the only Air Force Space Command competition that pits the best Space Command teams against each other. It is scheduled to be held May 8 to 12 at Vandenberg. Warren previously won the Blanchard in 1973, 1984, 1996 and 1997.

Motorcycle safety is not just an idea, it's the law

Free safety course mandatory for military, encouraged for civilians

Anthony Janssen
90th Space Wing Safety

The unseasonably warm temperatures of recent weeks have caused a longing in many Airmen for the feeling of freedom a motorcycle can offer on the open road. Motorcycle advertisements lure Air Force members to local dealers to purchase motorcycles as quickly as they reach showroom floors.

Some who purchase motorcycles are not really prepared for the dangers of two-wheeled transportation.

On average, the Air Force loses 14 Airmen every year in motorcycle mishaps. Motorcyclists do not have the same level of protection as automobile drivers, so simple mistakes on motorcycles can often lead to fatal consequences.

All motorcycle riders need to know the training and personal protective equipment requirements for riding.

Owning a motorcycle is all about personal choices and freedom, but it is also about safety. The choices a rider makes affect their safety, the passengers and the safety of those in traffic around them. It is about seeing and being seen by other vehicles.

Often, motorcycle accidents are either very minor or they are fatal. Given that fact, every Airman

who rides a motorcycle, or is contemplating purchasing a motorcycle, must be aware of the risks and the rules that apply to motorcycling.

The DoD and the Air Force have very specific requirements for motorcycle riders. Some requirements may not be popular, but they are nonetheless mandatory.

The DoD and Air Force Traffic Safety Instruction states all servicemembers must comply with the instruction whether on or off base as well as on or off duty to operate a motorcycle. Those who disregard the instructions may be charged with failure to follow an order or dereliction of duties under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

How would the Air Force know if a member was part of a "riders underground"? The law enforcement section is notified by local police departments anytime a servicemember is involved in an accident. Their preliminary report indicates whether or not a motorcyclist was wearing the necessary safety equipment.

Another way a member could be discovered is when a commander, first sergeant or supervisor observes him riding without protective equipment, driving poorly or just questions whether

he has completed a safety course.

Bottom line? After any motorcycle accident, a line of duty determination can take place. Failure to comply with the instruction could result in loss of medical benefits or denial of a survivor benefit payment.

The following requirements for motorcycle operation on Air Force installations apply to all personnel including family members and civilian employees. They are found in AFI 91-207, the Air Force Traffic Safety Program.

Training: Military personnel operating motorcycles must complete a motorcycle safety foundation approved course before they can operate a motorcycle, motor scooter or moped. Military personnel must complete this requirement whether riding on or off base, or on or off duty. If a member rides, he must first complete a motorcycle safety course. Civilians, military dependents and contractor personnel operating motorcycles on DoD installations are highly encouraged to complete this course. The 90th Space Wing Safety office schedules free training from May through October.

Personal protective equipment: The operator and passenger must wear a De-



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Don't let this happen to you. Military members who ride or are planning on riding a motorcycle must comply with safety regulations on and off base, on and off duty. For information on the regulations and the free safety course, contact Anthony Janssen, 90th Space Wing Safety, at 773-2430.

partment of Transportation approved protective helmet, long sleeved shirt or jacket, full fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens, long trousers and sturdy foot wear (no sneakers, including leather sneakers, or sandals).

The operator and passenger must wear impact resistant goggles or a full-face shield on their helmet. The goggles and face shield must be used, not just available.

A brightly colored (highly visible) or contrasting color (white, orange, yellow, chartreuse, etc.) garment must be worn as an upper outer garment during the day. BDUs and flight suits do not satisfy the intended purpose of making the rider highly visible to other motorists for the purpose of mishap avoidance.

At night, the outer garment must be reflective or

have some sort of reflective material attached to the outer garment. The outer garment must be clearly visible and not covered. The intent is to make the rider clearly visible.

Before riding or purchasing a bike, think long and hard about what could happen. Wear protective gear, see and be seen, and most of all, ride safe. Keep in mind, even if you are a great rider; are you willing to bet your life on the skills of the drivers around you? A rider will never eliminate all the risks when on a motorcycle. However, risks can be reduced by being smart. Remember: "Safety is an attitude ... get one!"

For more information on courses or motorcycle safety requirements, contact Anthony Janssen, 90 SW Ground Safety at 773-2430.

Father of four coaches baseball, goes to school

790 MSFS member says people may not realize the importance of his job

Senior Airman Ricky Clark Jr., 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron Convoy Response Flight, sat down with Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan to talk about his job, his family and what his unit is doing to prepare for the upcoming Nuclear Surety Inspection.

What do you do at the 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron?

I provide security for the convoy operations that we have here at Warren.

Describe your typical work day?

My typical day can go from picking up our vehicles early in the morning to whenever we get termination. Some days are longer when something does not go as planned. There is never a set schedule.

What do you think other people misunderstand or take for granted about your job?

People think that just because we come home every night we have it easy. They don't see that we leave so early when our families are still sleeping and get home so late sometimes we only get to see them sleeping again. We are the only people that do this job all the time.

How is your unit preparing for the Nuclear Surety Inspection?

The 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron is preparing for the NSI by exercising like everyone else at Warren. We also set aside focus days to study up on job knowledge.

What's your favorite part about working at Warren?

I have enjoyed the leader-

ship opportunities I have been given here, and I would not have met my wife if I had not come here.

What's the biggest honor you've ever had?

Being there for the birth of my son was my biggest honor. Becoming a father whether natural or adoptive is an awesome experience.

What volunteer work do you do?

Coaching baseball as of right now, but who knows what will be next with four kids.

What activities do you participate in on base?

I play softball and support the kids in whatever they are doing at that time.

Are you currently going to school?

Yes, I am working on my Community College of the Air Force Associates Degree in criminal justice. I just signed up for an English class.

Why do you think getting a degree is important?

You should always try to learn more and it is good to have something to fall back on when you retire from the military.

Tell me about your family?

I have a great wife and four awesome kids. We are always busy, but my wife says it keeps us young. My gray hair suggests otherwise.

With work and school, how do you find the time to take care of your family?

Lots of prayer. Between my wife and I, we try to keep everyone on schedule. It definitely takes team



Photo by Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan

Senior Airman Ricky Clark Jr. prepares to go on a convoy March 17 here. Airman Clark, a member of the 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron, provides security for convoy operations.

work, but we seem to pick up where the other left off.

Who is your hero?

My papa (grandfather) is my hero because he and my grandmother have been together since the second grade. They've been married over 50 years. He has worked many jobs to support his wife and five kids. He has shown me what hard work and diligence

can do for your family and he has shown me how to be a great husband and a great father to my kids. I am blessed to still have him in my life.

What are your Air Force career plans?

I plan to retire from the Air Force and get my bachelor's degree. I would like to travel some more before we decide to settle down.

To find out the latest information on base including FPCON, INFOCON, exercise information and applicable delays and closures

Call the Warren Straight-Talk Line
773-2222



IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE...

If you have an issue you would like the commander to address call the **Commanders Action Line at 773-4422.**

Leave your name, number and the issue.

Issues also can be e-mailed to actionline@warren.af.mil. This venue is open to all base employees, contractors and spouses.



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Snowmobiling at Fox Park

Outdoor recreation is hosting a final snowmobiling excursion to Fox Park, headquarters of Snowy Mountain Adventure March 25. This half-day trip costs \$115 for adult drivers, \$60 for adult passengers, \$35 for passengers 10 to 16, and \$10 for passengers under 9. Drivers must be at least 16 to operate the machine alone. Helmets are included. Snowmobile suits, gloves and boots are available for additional rental. The trip departs at 6:30 a.m. and returns to base approximately 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

Spring clearance sale

Save 33 percent on premium ski and winter wear at outdoor recreation during the month of March.

For more information, call 773-2988.

Martial arts classes

Shorin-Ryu/Okinawan classes are held 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

at the community center. The cost is \$30 per person, and \$65 for a family of four. Kevin Vance, a third-degree black belt, is the instructor.

For more information, contact the community center at 773-3510.

Joining Forces at Six Flags

Joining Forces, open to active duty, guard, reserve, retirees, DoD civilians, base contractors, family members and friends, is at Six Flags and is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 15. Tickets are now available at outdoor recreation for \$19 per person and include lunch and a free return ticket for September or October.

Regular weekend park admission price is \$44.99. Bus transportation is \$10 while seats are available. Sign-up while purchasing your tickets. Parking at the park is \$10 per car.

For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

Colorado Eagles hockey

Outdoor recreation has tickets for the Colorado Eagles versus Wichita Thunder game to be held 7:05 p.m. today. Tickets are limited and cost \$16. Transportation to and from the Budweiser Events Center is \$6. The trip departs at 5 p.m. and will return at about 11 p.m.

For more information, call 773-2988.

Burger Meal Deal day

Lunch at Warren Lanes every Monday is \$5. Get a choice of burger, fries or chips and a fountain soda with one refill.

Free lunchtime bowling

Bowl two free games, shoes included, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays when \$5 is spent at the snack bar.

Music lessons

Learn to play the drums, bass and six or 12 string guitar (electric and acoustic) at the community center. Classes are scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and

Thursdays. The cost is \$50 per month and includes four half-hour classes.

For more information, call 773-3511.

Youth baseball and tee ball registration

Tee ball registration for kids ages 5 and 6 is going on now through April 14. The cost is \$40 per child and includes uniform and awards.

All baseball, tee ball participants and their family members are invited to the post season banquet in August.

For more information, call 773-2564.

Lunch Bunch Punchcard

Pick up your Lunch Bunch Punchcard at any participating services facility. Buy five lunches, get one free. Good at the Trail's End Club, Warren Golf Course or Warren Lanes Bowling Center.

Mongolian night

The Trail's End Club is scheduled to have a Mongolian night Tuesday from

5 to 7 p.m. Prices range from \$4.95 (for children) to \$12.95. Reservations are recommended.

For more information, call 773-3048.

Massage at the aquatic center

The aquatic center offers massages for \$45 per hour and \$25 per half hour.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 773-3195.

Red Cross swim lessons

Red Cross swim lessons are scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for levels 1 to 4. The cost is \$26 per child.

For more information, call 773-3195.

Zee's Barber Shop

Zee's Barber Shop, located in the Trail's End Club, is now open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Haircuts are \$7.40 (club members receive a \$1 discount). Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be made by calling 635-5378.



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READY, AIM, FIRE

Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander, prepares to fire a 240 machine gun during training at Guernsey, Wyo., Feb. 23. Training was conducted by members of the Nuclear and Space Security Tactics Training Center.

Education briefs

Education fair

An education fair is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 at Fall Hall.

More than 20 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and help base personnel find the right program for them. Information will be available on many degree and certificate options including emergency medical technician, homeland security and fire science. Learn about Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers. Door prizes will be given.

Attention American Military University students

Richard McMullen, Education Coordinator for AMU is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 29 to meet with students in Room 28 of the education center.

Commissioning workshop

Are you active-duty enlisted and interested in becoming a commissioned officer? The Warren Education Center is presenting a commissioning workshop at 2 p.m. April 11 in Room 24 of the education center.

For more information and to pre-register for the workshop, call the education center at 773-2117.

Attention University of Phoenix students

A University of Phoenix representative is scheduled to be available from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays in Room 28 of the education center to meet with students.

Online tuition assistance briefings

The Warren Education Center will conduct briefings at 2 p.m. Fridays at the education center to provide information on the new Air Force Portal/Air Force Virtual Education Center On-Line Tuition.

For more information, call 773-2117.

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Door prizes will be given and everyone is welcome.



For more information, call the Warren Education Center at 773-2117.

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